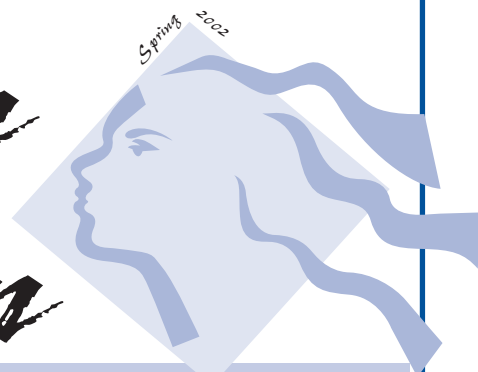


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## Recognizing Women: The First Annual Governor's Unsung Heroine Awards



*First Annual Governor's Unsung Heroine Awards, March 5, 2002.*  
Back row: Chairwoman Anne Norlander, Emcee Carmen Harlan, Education honoree Carolyn Clardy, First Lady Michelle Engler, Health & Safety honoree Bethany Belanger. Front row: Youth Development honoree Cyntia Yao, Civil Rights honoree Jeanne Lorenz, Community honoree Nancy Stewart, Economic Independence honoree Mary Pat McDougall.

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## Unsung Heroine Awards... (Continued)

The Michigan Women's Commission was proud to sponsor the First Annual Governor's Unsung Heroine Awards. On March 5, 2002, six extraordinary women were honored for outstanding contributions to their community that might otherwise go unrecognized. These accomplishments were awarded in the categories of civil rights, community, economic independence, health and safety and youth development.

The reception was held at The Detroit Athletic Club, with special guests First Lady Michelle Engler and Lieutenant Governor Dick Posthumus, and Mistress of Ceremonies Ms. Carmen Harlan assisting with the presentations. Each winner was nominated by a distinguished group of peers, who acknowledged their dedication to improve the quality of life within the community and their willingness to give selflessly to pursue such a goal. The recipients of the awards were:

Ms. Jeanne Lorenz of St. Clair Shores, honored in the category of civil rights for her lifelong work to promote racial and ethnic justice through schools and the community, and for over 30 years of service at the Interfaith Center for Racial Justice.

Ms. Nancy Stewart of Petoskey was honored in the category of community for her work with survivors of domestic violence. She is a co-founder of Safe Home, one of the first shelters in Michigan to provide homes for women and children seeking refuge.

Ms. Mary Pat McDougall of Detroit was honored in the category of economic independence for her work with

older adults at Operation ABLE of Michigan, and for her unparalleled support and commitment to help mature individuals succeed.

Ms. Carolyn Clardy of Manistee was honored in the category of education for her role in founding and directing the Women's Resource Center at West Shore Community College, as well as her continued education and counseling of students for 30 years.

Ms. Bethany Belanger of Port Huron was honored in the category of health and safety for her donation of over 9,600 bike helmets to every child in her community, and her constant promotion of safety and community service initiatives.

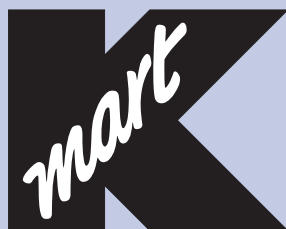
Ms. Cynthia Yao of Ann Arbor was honored in the category of youth development for her vision and creation of the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, which encourages learning and growth of visitors, young and old, discovering science and technology.

Each of the winners exemplified the meaning of a true community leader. "All the nominations received were outstanding, strong women making a difference in the lives of others; we applaud their work and contributions to our state," said Chairwoman Anne Norlander.

The MWC will begin working on the Second Annual Governor's Unsung Heroine Awards in the coming months.

If you would like to receive information about the Second Annual Governor's Unsung Heroine Awards or would like to receive a nomination packet in September 2002, please call 517-373-2884 for more information.

The Michigan Women's Commission would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous contributions to the First Annual Governor's Unsung Heroine Awards:



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## Award-Winning Michigan.gov Expands Availability of Online Services

The award-winning state web portal, Michigan.gov, just keeps getting better. Driven by Governor John Engler's vision for Michigan to be the leading state in providing online government services, Michigan.gov is meeting the challenge. Over 100 online business, consumer, and educational services are now available to citizens 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

"Michigan.gov now provides our citizens with unprecedented online access to information important to them for making decisions about their daily activities and well-being," said Governor John Engler. "Now, they can research this information online at any hour of the day, without waiting in line or making a phone call."

Information and services are organized by customer need, not State agency, making it easier for citizens to find what they want without having to know which specific agency provides the information or service. For example, visitors can search across all agencies at once by simply typing in a "plain-

English" question where indicated.

Another way citizens can quickly find information is by clicking on any of the six TOPICS buttons of their particular interest, located at the left side of the Michigan.gov Home Page. These TOPICS buttons are Education and Career Development; Family, Health and Safety; Travel and Recreation; Business Services; Michigan Government; and Licensing, Certification and Permits.

Here are examples of new online services available at Michigan.gov:

- Listings of day care providers, and licensed nursing and adult foster care homes in the State - prior to Michigan.gov, no single source of this information was available. Links to nursing home inspection reports are also available online.
- The Michigan's Domestic Violence Resource Directory - locates information about shelters, legal and other kinds of advocacy, counseling, support groups,

transitional housing, and many others provided by the domestic violence programs across the state. The directory also includes contact information for each of the 83 County Clerks Offices in Michigan. This information is useful for anyone interested in seeking a Personal Protection Order (PPO) against an abuser or stalker.

- The Offender Tracking Information System - provides online lookup, including mug shots of all criminal offenders under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections. Victims and others can retrieve offender information including name, age, offenses committed, current prison location, earliest release date and date paroled if the offender has been released.
- MiChild/Healthy Kids Online Screening and Applications - currently being piloted in local health clinics, this new online tool will become available to the public through the Michigan.gov portal this spring. The web-based system will determine eligibility and allow families to apply online for either the MiChild or Healthy Kids insurance programs.
- Long term care portal - will be available this spring. This service will provide an interactive assessment tool to help users determine appropriate levels of care for family members and will aggregate information on long term care across several agencies in one location.
- Online license renewals - marriage and family therapists, podiatrists, and Emergency Medical Services professionals can now renew their licenses online for the first time. Other health professionals will be able to do the same in the near future.
- Detailed information about individual public and charter schools (K-12) in Michigan - information includes school contacts, facts and figures about enrollment, student/

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teacher ratio, graduation/completion rate, MEAP scores information, awards won by the school (such as, the Governor's Cup and the Golden Apple Award), and accreditation information.

- Teacher lookups - find information about teachers, by name,

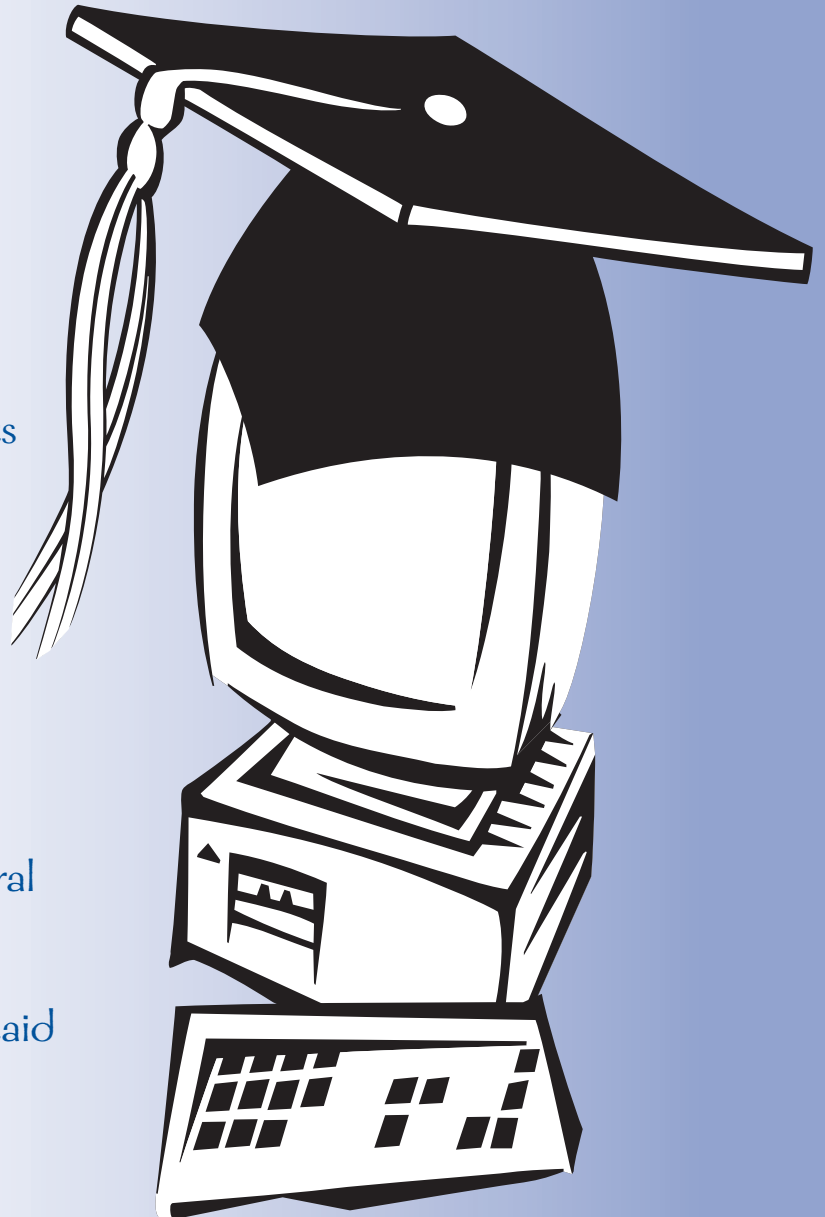
licensed and certified to teach K-12 in Michigan. The lookup will also display the teacher's certified Subject and Grade Level, plus date(s) of certification. More than 3,000 teachers with more than five years experience will soon be able to use Michigan.gov to renew their licenses online.

For a complete listing of the online services, go to <http://www.michigan.gov/e-michigan> and look under Our Projects, Overview and Timelines.

Now, more than ever, visitors to Michigan.gov are using the portal to find information and conduct business with the state. In fact, they are viewing nearly three times as many pages per day than they did at the previous State website.

Not only are customers noticing, the nation is noticing. In a recent major survey of all state portals, Brown University ranked Michigan.gov as #2 in the nation. In January 2002, Governor Engler also announced that Michigan placed in the Top 10 in the 2001 Digital State Survey for excellence in online government services delivery.

The Michigan Women's Commission is proud to announce that the State of Michigan recently opened a new website to assist students looking for financial aid to college. Students and their families will be able to get information on a variety of packages, and will be able to file a free application for federal student aid. Please visit [www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid](http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid) for details.





# Commissioner's Corner...

## GHB PowerPoint Presentation is Presented to Michigan Schools

Governor Engler recently declared the month of March as GHB Awareness Month. In recognition of this event, the Michigan Women's Commission (MWC), along with the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), Michigan State Police (MSP) and the Samantha Reid Foundation, sponsored an informational Powerpoint presentation for high school students around the state. As a MWC Commissioner and founder of the Samantha Reid Foundation, I partnered with MWC Commissioners and representatives from MDCH and MSP to travel to the "GHB hot spots" and educate teens about the dangers of GHB, rape and club drugs.

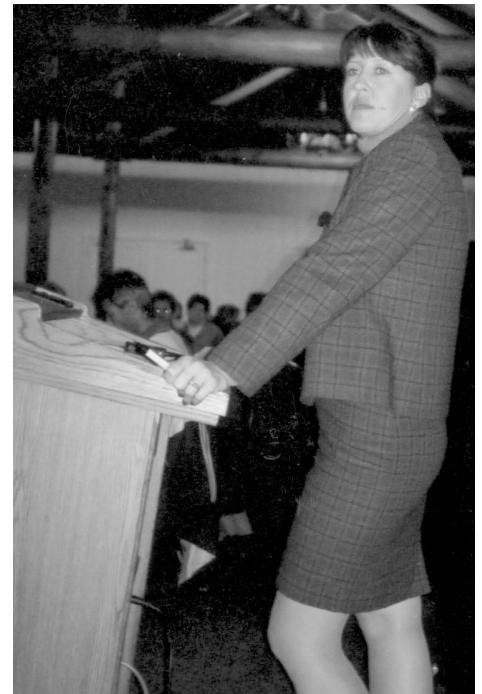
The Samantha Reid Foundation was founded in 1999, following the death of my daughter, Samantha Reid. Samantha was murdered in January 1999 when GHB was slipped into her soft drink at a social gathering. In memory of my daughter, the Samantha Reid Foundation was established to educate citizens of the State of Michigan, as well as nationally, about Samantha's death and to hopefully prevent the devastating loss of another child as a result of this drug.

The GHB Powerpoint Presentation provides information about the dangers of GHB, rape and club drugs, and rave parties. Included in the

presentation, is the tragic story of Samantha's death, stories of teens who have abused these drugs and the consequences that they have faced, including the death of a close friend.

If you would like more information on the GHB Powerpoint Presentation, please call the MWC at (517) 373-2884. For more

information about Samantha Reid and GHB, rape and club drugs, please visit the Samantha



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Reid Foundation website at: [www.ghbkills.com](http://www.ghbkills.com).

## Staff Update

Megan Moore and Angela Ripinski recently joined the Michigan Women's Commission as students assistants for the spring. Megan, originally from Grosse Pointe and Angela from Royal Oak,

both have been lifelong residents of Michigan. Megan and Angela are seniors at the James Madison College, Michigan State University, both majoring in social relations.

*The Michigan Women's Commission would like to announce the arrival of the Dating Violence Brochure. This brochure is written for teens and gives information about the warning signs of an abusive dating relationship, outlines the rights of a victim, and gives tips on how to help a friend in an abusive dating relationship. To order copies, please call (517) 373-2884.*

*The Michigan Women's Commission  
celebrates awareness in Michigan!*

## April

- Cancer Control Month
- National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- National Youth Sports Safety Month

## May

- National Mental Health Month
- National Osteoporosis Prevention Month
- National Stroke Awareness Month
- Older Americans Month

## Mailing List Update

If your name or address needs to be changed on our newsletter mailing label, or if you receive duplicates, please mail or fax the correct information (along with your current label) to the address or fax number listed below. Thank you.


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-  Annual Report 2000
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-  Domestic Violence Mirror Cling
-  Domestic Violence Wallet Card
-  Ecstasy: It's A No-Brainer
-  GHB: A Vicious Scam. A Proven Killer
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